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SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 10, 1902.*

SIR: Referring to a letter from this office dated the 6th instant, making report relative to the number of smallpox cases in Porto Rico occurring during the two weeks ended May 3, 1902, I have the honor to say that I am in receipt of a note from the secretary of the superior board of health of Porto Rico, under date of the 9th instant, in which he informs me that all cases mentioned in his last report to me—that is, for the two weeks ended May 3, 1902—were of a mild type of varioloid, and that no case of smallpox of a serious type has existed in San Juan for many weeks.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Smallpox in Porto Rico.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 6, 1902.*

SIR: With reference to the smallpox situation in Porto Rico, I have the honor to report that during the two weeks ended May 3, 1902, cases have occurred in the following localities: San Juan, 40; Arecibo, 75; Camuy, 56; Ponce, 30; Utuado, 48; Hatillos, 7; Caguas, 36. A total of 292 cases. No deaths from the disease, except 1, an engineer of the steamship *Mae*, who contracted smallpox in Boston and was landed at Arecibo for treatment.

The above report is based upon statistics furnished this office by the superior board of health of Porto Rico.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Reports from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., *May 5, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended May 3, and the report of immigrants inspected at this port during the month of April, 1902. Four vessels were inspected and passed and 8 bills of health were issued. During the past week the board of health reports 7 new cases of smallpox and 8 cases discharged. A circular has been circulated calling attention to the necessity of vaccination and the laws regarding it, and announcing that free vaccinations will be performed by a physician of the board of health. The schools have all been vaccinated. I have heard unofficially of several cases of diphtheria.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PONCE, P. R., *May 12, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bill of health